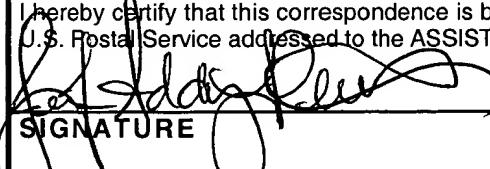


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**Part I (Authority)**

This statement is filed pursuant to:

37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

This information disclosure statement is filed either (1) within three months of the filing date of the national applications; (2) within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application; or (3) before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.

Accordingly, this information disclosure statement requires no fee and no certification.

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**Conditional Petition**

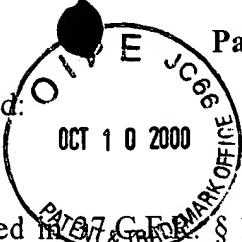
It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered, good cause being presented in Part III herein (certification). please treat this paper as the required petition.

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Part III (Certification)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), I certify:

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( ) (1) Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.

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Part IV (Additional Statement)

An additional statement regarding these items of information ( ) is, (X) is not, enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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